



Saint Paul's Possibilities

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News & Engagement

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a weekly reflection by Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Dear Faith Family,

Chip loves the hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians (By Our Love)"—those words from John 13:35 about being known by our love for one another. And I've been thinking lately about the question: what does that love actually look like in practice?

This past Sunday, Terri and Earl Fisher gave our church a beautiful gift: a flagpole and flag bearing Saint Paul's @ The Farm's name and cross. When they presented it, I got a bit choked up. They didn't give it to say, "look at us." They gave it because they're proud of the work our faith community is doing. And when I looked at that flag, I understood something: here, this is a safe sacred space where all people are loved.



That's what Terri and Earl were honoring. That's what they work for—and what we all work for together.

But here's what I've been wondering: What if that flag isn't just for others to see? What if it's also for us—a daily reminder of the sacred space we're called to create and maintain? Not just on Sundays or every second and fourth Thursday, or in times of trouble, but always.

This Sunday as a part of my message, I'm asking: What will your legacy be? What do you want to be remembered for? For Terri and Earl, the answer is clear—they're people who see where love is needed and they act. They're living what Jesus showed us: love made visible through action, and they are practicing it and helping remind us, their faith family, to practice it too.

Diana Butler Bass writes in *A Beautiful Year* that faith is "a very public thing—it is about living the Kingdom of God, it is about love and sacrifice and embracing and enacting an alternative way of life." And here's what struck me most: "The reward isn't 'heaven'... our reward is in the doing, in the loving and serving of others" and I would add, doing so right where we live, work, go to school, play and adult.

Please Pray for

- Linda Beaver
- James Bowman
- Carol Engle
- Traci Eschbach
- Robin Huffman
- Randy Kessler
- Katy Mahon
- Chuck Schworer
- Janet Carl
- Greg Seibert
- Tommy Ward
- Barclay Wilson
- Unspoken Requests

So, every time we see that flag flying, I wonder: Will it remind us? Not that we're a nice church—though I believe we are. But that we're called to practice being a sacred space daily, whether at the Farm or at home. To practice welcoming the marginalized, the homeless, the unhoused, (yes that is two different things), the lost, the lonely. To practice caring for one another. To practice maintaining this safe harbor we've created together, not just in our sanctuary, but in how we show up in the community around us.

Our flag tells a story. But our actions write it.

May we always remember the daily practices we are called to. Let's practice love. Let's keep this space sacred, safe, and open to all. Let's be the church God called and created us to be.

In faith and action, Pastor Tim



The Farm Report

We Lift Things Up, We Put Things Down!

You know what? We talk a lot about the volunteers you can “see” in action—the ones serving at Fresh Express, staffing the Warming Center, supporting Go Greg, or rallying around Greyson and the Greenawalt Family. And we should! That work is incredible. But today? Let's talk about the people



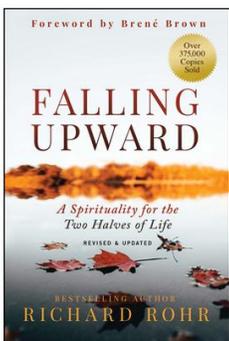
doing the unglamorous stuff. The ones who showed up on a Saturday morning (yes, a Saturday morning) to haul pews into storage. The crew learning our audio system, so Sunday services have the excellent sound we have become accustomed to. The folks who keep the kitchen from descending into chaos, line up chairs, and—let's be honest—refill those chair back pockets and restock tissues, that somehow always get used or keeping the plants watered, fountains and free pantry filled. Not exactly Instagram-worthy, right? But here's the thing: none of what happens at The Farm works without these people like you who do so much, quietly behind the scenes. Yes, we have an amazing support staff. But we also have volunteers who show up week after week, sharing their time and talents to keep this place running. They're the ones making sure the lights stay on, the space stays welcoming, and everything behind the scenes just... works. So, to everyone who “lifts things up and puts things down,” who shows up when no one's watching, who does the quiet work that makes the loud work possible: We see you. And we're grateful!



Our Love Offering to the World.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) campaign collection has begun! If you haven't already, grab your coin boxes and let's collect change to change the world! There is an old saying that to the world it may not seem like much, but to one person what you do may mean the world. To flood victims who are fed from these funds, to victims of wild fires who may need shelter or clothes, to ones who don't have clean

drinking water and need a well dug, your change can change their lives. Pick up your coin boxes today. We will collect them in four short weeks on Palm Sunday morning. Thank you for helping us help our neighbors in this way as we join other congregations and denominations to raise funds for One Great Hour of Sharing.



Falling Upward: A Reflective Lenten Book Study.

Over four weeks this Lenten season, we'll journey together through Richard Rohr's insights on how heartbreak, disappointment, and failure aren't obstacles to spiritual growth—they're gateways to it. We'll rediscover the wisdom of our inner child. We'll embrace our "shadow-self" as a teacher. We'll learn to mirror our God-self in thought and action. And we'll do it together, in community beginning next Wednesday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room. As Chaplain Kate says, "Father Rohr has a way of writing simply and prophetically, both at the same time and in this century." Join us March 4, 11, 18, and 25. Come early for tea, bring your beautiful heart, and let's explore this together.

Upcoming Worship

March 1 ~ Second Sunday of Lent
"A Lasting Legacy"

John 15:12-17

Worship Leader: Kelly Kazibwe

Lector: Christine Parker

Acolyte: Nelle Parker

Kitchen Coordinator: Kathy Showers

Breakfast Sponsor: Parker Family

Flower Sponsor: Available

Offering Counter: P. Emory, D. Spear

March 8 ~ Third Sunday of Lent
"Life's Lost and Found"

Luke 15

Worship Leader: Kelly Kazibwe

Lector: Ethan Cree

Acolyte: Finn Rosboschil

Kitchen Coordinator: Tina Longan

Breakfast Sponsor: Tammy Erb

Flower Sponsor: Available

Offering Counter: A. Henry, D. Spear

March Usher/Greeter Team: Earl & Terri Fisher, Sue Mahon, Amy Mahon,
Carol Oberlin, Steve Brown, Bob Gift, George Mull, Shelly Sholley

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to ...

Priscilla Lanks - 2/28

Derek Helwig - 3/1

Kendrick Swartz - 3/2

Tamara Dreesse - 3/6

Ryan Bierly - 3/7

Logan Wenrick - 3/7

Nancy Haven - 3/8

Ericka Mull - 3/8

Kathy Showers - 3/8



Happy Anniversary to ...

Mark & Dianne Covert - 2/28



Stay Connected: Follow Saint Paul's on Instagram. Have you followed us yet? Find us at @saintpaulsfarm to stay in the loop between Sundays. On Instagram, you'll get a behind-the-scenes look at some great videos, snapshots of our mission and outreach ministries in action, volunteers making a difference in our community, our Bible and Book studies event announcements, and the real moments that make Saint Paul's special. Whether you've been with us for years or you're just discovering Saint Paul's @ The Farm, following us is a great way to see our faith lived out—and to be part of the story. Come say hello!



Coffee / Breakfast Time. Each Sunday morning from 10 to 10:20, the breakfast and coffee bar are open in Fellowship Hall, and we thank you for helping provide items for breakfast. There are still Sundays available to provide breakfast. You may sponsor a Sunday by yourself or with another family. Here are some suggestions: crockpot oatmeal, mini (and or full size) muffins, fruit, breakfast casseroles, yogurt parfaits, cookies, danish, crackers and cheese ... or be creative! The sign-up sheet is just inside the doors of Fellowship Hall and the dates available begin March 15 through June 7.

Please check out the current needs for our little red wagon mission assistance ... listed on page 4.



Saint Paul's
IRISH LUNCHEON
SUNDAY, MARCH 15

YOU ARE INVITED TO WEAR
GREEN TO CHURCH ... BRING A
SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO
SHARE ... SHEPHERD'S PIE
PROVIDED

CONSISTORY HOSTS: JEANIE COUNCIL AND KATHY SHOWERS

**Movie Night
& Ice Cream Sundaes**

**FAMILY
NIGHT**

with a
fun
Easter
Surprise!

**MAR
8
5-7PM**

Bring a potluck
dish to share
for dinner
at 5pm and
stay for an
evening of fun!



On the Journey Together



Eleven warriors brave and strong sharing their time and talents on a snowy Sunday morning last week.

Sundays @ The Farm. At 9 a.m. our coffee is brewing, and the nursery and sensory rooms are staffed and open. Our **Faith Connections** classes run from 9 to 10 a.m. and include Pre-K to 3rd Grade **Explorers**; 4th to 8th Grade **Pathfinders**; and 9th Grade to Age 99 **Travelers**. From 10 a.m. to 10:20, please enjoy breakfast, coffee, and fellowship then worship begins at 10:30. Following the “Time with Our Children,” during worship, kiddos aged 3 to 2nd grade head back to the classroom for “**Children’s Church**” and return to worship following Pastor Tim’s sermon. On the first Sunday of each month, we celebrate **Holy Communion** together. And, monthly on the 2nd Sunday, we enjoy **Family Night** from 5 to 6:45. On the **3rd Sunday of each month**, we gather around the tables in fellowship hall for a meal together.

Weekdays @ The Farm. Each Monday at 10 a.m. a group gathers for **Monday Morning Reflections**, a relaxing time with Pastor Tim to dig deeper into the scripture from our Sunday service. On Wednesdays is **Lunch with the Pastor** from 11:30 to 1:00. Pick up lunch at the Farmer’s Market across the bridge from the farm or bring your own and join Pastor Tim. Then on Wednesday evenings, we offer **Wednesday Evening Interactive**, a seasonal book/bible study. On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month is **Friends Who Breakfast**, a popular time to gather to catch up over conversation and breakfast at Street of Shops (9:45) on the 1st Wednesday and Silver Moon Restaurant (9:30) on the 3rd Wednesday. On the 4th Friday of each month, you can find a Saint Paul’s group gathering at Union Cellars Winery for **Word, Wine, and Wisdom**, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Always a fun time as Pastor Tim tosses out a bible word to discuss with laughter and love.

Music @ The Farm. Our **Chancel Choir**, directed by Patty Wagner with Sharon Styer, pianist, rehearses each Sunday morning from 9 to 10. Our choir averages 25+ singers and there’s always room for more! We also have a **Hand Bell Choir** which rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 5:15 to 6:15 and plays for worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. The **Children’s Choir** practices during a portion of the Faith Connection classes with Miss Sharon and Miss Ashley and they bless our worship time once a month with their selections.

Serving @ The Farm. Mission and Outreach is an integral part of us “being the church” at Saint Paul’s. On the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month, we offer a **Fresh Express Food Distribution** in partnership with the Central PA Food Bank. Volunteers join us

from 1 to 5 p.m. at Grace Place @ The Farm as we receive, sort, and distribute fresh food and groceries to our neighbors. All are welcome as we have a wonderful time serving together. Next distributions are March 12 and 26. We also participate in **Community Harvest**, a monthly distribution on the 3rd Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at St. John’s UCC and in conjunction with Bucknell’s Center for Community Engaged Leadership, Learning & Research. And, Saint Paul’s has a long history of offering an **Emergency Food Pantry** that we lovingly refer to as our “Little Red Wagon” Our needs at this time are for: **Local Grocery Gift Cards to: Aldi, Giant and Weis. Gas Cards: Sheetz, Wawa, and Weis, any canned fruits and vegetables with pop tops, shelf stable milk, small bottles of vegetable oil, and canned proteins and box dinners, i.e. hamburger and tuna helper.** You may drop food items in the little red wagon on the porch outside the Sanctuary door and gift cards may be dropped in the offering plate on Sunday morning or to the church office throughout the week. We thank you for all the ways in which you serve our neighbors!

Stewardship

Gift & Offerings ~
2/15, 2/18, & 2/22

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Luke 12:34) Giving thanks for the time, talents, and resources shared here.

Attendance: 290 (14 visitors)
LIVE Attendance: 2,730
Virtual Reach: 31,302
Christian Education: 55

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| Plate Giving: | 3,732.00 |
| Loose Plate: | 495.00 |
| Online Giving: | <u>3,103.58</u> |
| Operational Total: | 7,330.58 |
| Restricted Giving: | <u>817.00</u> |
| Total Giving: | 8,147.58 |

